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From: Carol McGeehan, 568 West 31st, Holland Mich. 49423
To: Ms. Wendy R. Dixon, EIS Program Manager, Dept. of Energy
Re: Public Comment on Yucca mt. Draft EIS, Feb 21, 2000

Dear Ms. Dixon,

1 I am writing to express my concerns about the DOE's choice to transport and store nuclear waste at the Yucca mt, Nevada Repository.

2 I am concerned that the transport of such dangerous waste from all over the country would endanger the public by exposing them to hazardous nuclear materials. For example, 3 waste from Michigan nuclear plants would have to travel through heavily populated areas such as Chicago. In many cases, these routes would affect minority people disproportionately because they live along railways and highways. In addition, 4 concerns about liability, emergency preparedness, and environmental protection must be addressed.

5 When the DOE says there is "no significant impact" from a severe shipping accident, it is averaging the impact across the whole U.S. population, and that is not acceptable. If there is an accident in your neighborhood, 6 there is severe impact to you and your area.

7 The "No action alternative" is unrealistic and unacceptable. If Yucca mt is not used, the on-site waste storage must be improved. DOE should hold hearings on how to move forward on the waste program. I am very concerned about the choice of Yucca mt. for several reasons. DOE data shows it will fail to contain nuclear waste due to leaking because of rock fractures and container failure.